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Native Students Win Scholarships

Twenty-six Canadian Natives have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,750 to further their education, eight more than the previous high of 18 in the years since 1957, the date the program was instituted.

In making the announcement in the House of Commons September 15, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Ellen Fairclough said

Percy Paull Joins 'Voice'

The Native Voice has added to its editorial staff a man whose name is known throughout Canada and in many parts of the United States.

He is Percy Paull, the only son of the late Andy Paull, great Indian leader whose name is legend. Mr. Paull will become Inland and lower mainland associate editor of the Native Voice.

In announcing his decision to join The Voice, Percy Paull said he had been asked by many of his father's friends and associates to carry on the work of Andy Paull on behalf of his people.

He said he sees The Native Voice, second oldest Indian paper in both Canada and the United States, as a means of speaking to a wide section of Indians in both countries.

In an interview with publisher Maisie Hurley, he laid stress on the land question and the need for recognition of the Native claims. Our rights must be fully protected," he declared.

Mr. Paull said he thought one of his projects would be the formation of a study group with the aim of uniting all interested groups. Purpose will be to strengthen the Indians of British Columbia in their efforts to save their lands and to stiffen their fight against "extermination by assimilation."

the awards included "eight for university training, three for teacher training, four for nursing, six for various kinds of vocational training, four for studies in the arts, and for the first time, one for forestry."

Following are the awards by band and by region:

B.C. REGION

Catherine Leo, Kyuquot, University scholarship, University of B.C., arts, \$1,200.

Rennie Brown, Gitlakdamix, teacher training scholarship, University of Alberta, \$1,200.

William Etzerza, Tahltan, vocational scholarship, commercial training \$1,050.

SASKATCHEWAN REGION

Thomas Stevenson, Cowessess, cultural scholarship in Music, \$850.

David Sparvier, Cowessess, university scholarship, University of Ottawa, arts, \$1,300.

Harvey Tootoosis, Poundmaker, University of Saskatchewan, engineering, \$1,375.

Ida Ruth Crowe, Piapot, teacher training scholarship, \$1,250.

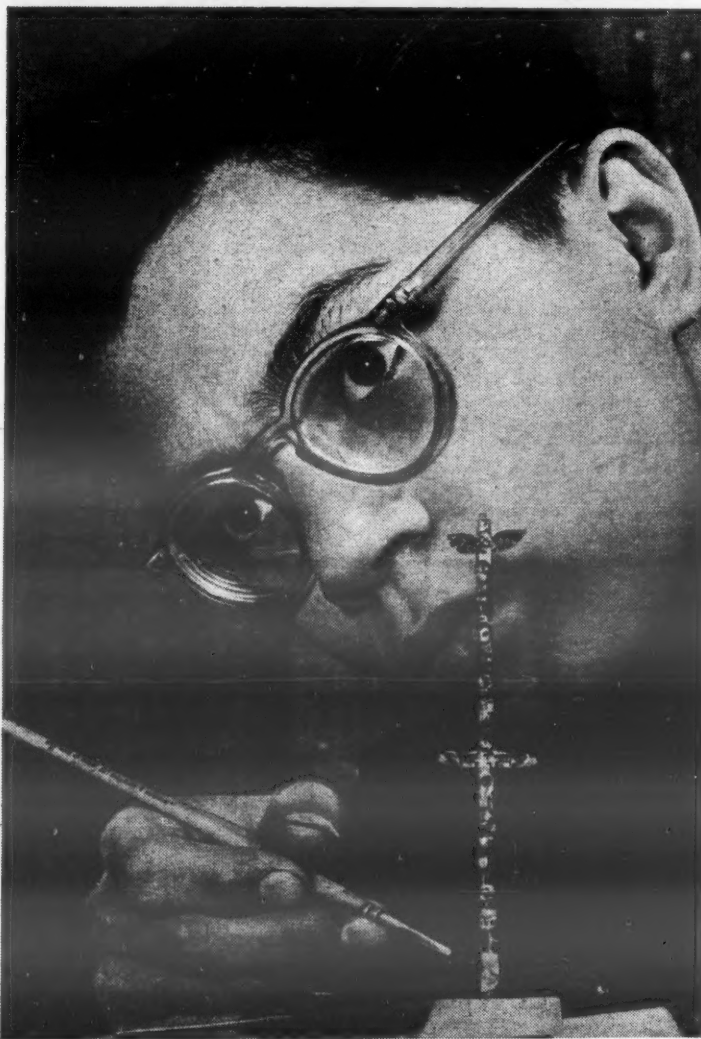
Rosella McKay, Kahkewistahaw, nursing scholarship, \$525.

Bernice Stonechild, Muscowpetung, nursing scholarship, \$525.

NORTHERN ONTARIO

Joseph Land, Islington, cultural scholarship in art, Manitoba University, \$1,500.

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YOUTHFUL TOTEM CARVER David Neel (Gla-Gla-Kla-Wis) is pictotems. It was presented to Bob Hope during a visit to British Columbia. The very promising young artist, son of Ellen and Ted Neel of Aldergrove, was killed in an automobile accident last month.

We Lost Our Dear Gla-Gla-Kla-Wis

Gla-Gla-Kla-Wis has gone. David Neel, son of our famous British Columbia totem carver Ellen Neel

died on Sunday, September 10, following a car accident in the United States.

He was the grandson of the famous old-time Native carver Charlie James, whose totems are recognized throughout the world as among the greatest creations in this art form.

With his grandfather and his mother as inspiration and guide, Gla-Gla-Kla-Wis at 24 had emerged not only as a fine carver in his own right but as a painter, his art always reflecting a deep love of his Indian heritage.

Somehow, words cannot convey our feelings of grief.

David was part of The Native Voice. It was he who painted the cover on our special 1958 Centennial Edition and as a result made that number virtually a collector's item.

Natives from many tribes in British Columbia joined a large number of non-Indian friends in

*I strove with none for none was worth my strife.
Nature I loved, and next to nature art.
I warmed both hands before the fire of life;
It sinks and I am ready to depart.*

—WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

paying tribute to this young man of great promise during funeral ceremonies in Vancouver. It was a sad farewell to one they loved, respected, and admired.

David left a young wife, Norah, 19, and a son, David, 16 months, his dear parents Ellen and Ted, four sisters and two brothers. We extend our deepest sympathy to them in their great and untimely loss.

In the words of our dear friend, Ho-Chee-Nee, "Always remember that God's hand is on your shoulder."

—Maisie Hurley

Request to Grant Indians Full Liquor Rights Denied

VICTORIA — Attorney-General Bonner said late last month he has failed unsuccessfully to get the federal government to concede full liquor rights to British Columbia Natives.

His latest request, in a letter to Citizenship Minister Fairclough July 19, brought a negative response, said Mr. Bonner. This time he had asked for complete exemption of all B.C. Indians from liquor restrictions under the Indian Act.

It followed a motion of the B.C. legislature last winter calling for federal action to untangle a legally complicated situation in the province.

The federal Indian Act allows Indians to have liquor rights if a band is held by bands, who are scattered on 200 reserves.

This just won't work in B.C., said Mr. Bonner, because Natives from one band might be in a dozen or more reserves.

"We want no discrimination at all in B.C.," said Mr. Bonner.

He said all Natives should be allowed to purchase liquor in government liquor stores and to drink it in public outlets as well as at home.



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IT IS WITH great reluctance that we publish this four page edition of The Native Voice. Our hope and aim is to expand our coverage with a bigger, brighter paper, so it is with intense regret that we find ourselves going in the opposite direction, at least in the current number.

The Native Voice, now in its fifteenth year, is not giving up the ghost. But we have not fallen upon prosperous times.

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The following letter from Lester R. Peterson of Gibsons, B.C., recently appeared in The Vancouver Sun.

"WHEN the tide is out, the table is set."

So ran an adage of the B.C. coastal Indians. No people anywhere, at any time, depended so fully as did they for their sustenance on what foods nature had to offer between high water and low. Indians of the Pacific Northwest coast were primarily food-gatherers, rather than food-hunters. Examination of any kitchen midden will reveal a thousand clam shells for every game animal bone.

FOR A LIVELIHOOD

In 1875, Attorney-General Mr. Justice Wolke described Indian reserves then being set aside as "... being intended for their exclusive use and benefit, and especially as a provision for the aged, the helpless, and the infirm."

The reserve, as clearly stated at the time of its delineation, was intended not simply as a place to live, but as a place to provide livelihood. The fact that one band, with almost its entire population concentrated at one village, received 28 reserves — all clam-beds — points out this latter intention.

In the allocation of these traditional food-gathering grounds, the Indians' reliance on tidewater was recognized. Some were patches of only an acre or two; self-sufficiency was obviously to be attained from the seashore, not from the land itself.

Following the white man's blandishments to become "civilized", the Indian has ceased to migrate from one clam-bed to another as was his native custom. With encroachment of non-Indian population, many beds have been destroyed or rendered unfit for use.

NOT A GRANT

Any argument, then, that our Indians deserve to lose their foreshore rights because they pay no taxes on them and because they have failed to make use of their intended purpose is a thoroughly spurious one. The well-meaning, who forget that a reserve is not a grant but a vestige, might harbor

Asks Information On Eagle Feathers

The Native Voice,
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please send me The Native Voice for one year. I am very interested in Native Welfare and was made an honorary chief of the Mohawks. I am also interested in getting beadwork for my shirt and leggings, real eagle feathers and eagle claws; also beaded pipe bag.

WILLIAM J. ARCH,
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Niagara Falls, Ont.

it, but it is the type of argument more usually advanced by the non-Indian, to the benefit of the non-Indian.

With their old way of life so disrupted that they cannot sustain themselves in their primitive way and with employment in modern industry limited to say the least, many bands derive almost all of their funds required to provide for their needy from some form of property lease.

JUGGLING ACT

For the Indian Affairs branch to acknowledge the National Harbours Board's jurisdiction over the North Vancouver Reserve foreshore is economically, merely a juggling act.

Morally, the inter-departmental sleight-of-hand displays a want of courage and honesty in dealing with our aboriginal inhabitants. It is a slap in the face of the Native who has been continually assured during the past decade that he can expect progress toward fuller Canadian citizenship.

Aid to Labrador Natives Studied

An interesting question was put to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Ellen Fairclough in the House of Commons September 14, when C. R. Granger asked "... what consideration is being given to providing funds to assist the Indians in Labrador?"

Mrs. Fairclough said in reply to the MP for Grand Falls-White Bay, Labrador:

"... the responsibility for the Indians of Labrador, like the Eskimos, under the terms of union, was placed on the provincial government. Consequently, theirs is the responsibility for providing services, housing, etc., for the Indian population."

"However, we have received several suggestions from the provincial government of Newfoundland asking for assistance in the provision of housing accommodation for the Indians of Labrador. The matter is under consideration by the government at the present time ..."

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B.C. Native In New Field

For the first time in Canadian history, one of Canada's Native sons has qualified as a professional Health Inspector. Myrus James of the British Columbia Kuper Island Reservation passed the examinations of the Canadian Public Health Association in June 1961, and thus became the first fully qualified Native Health Inspector.

Mr. James has had his difficulties. Born 24 years ago on Kuper Island on September 1, 1937, he had the tragic misfortune in 1946 to lose both his parents in a drowning accident. Thereafter, his bereaved grandparents brought him up.

His education up to Grade 8 was at Kuper Island Residential School. He then transferred to Kamloops Residential School to complete his scholastic training but, in his final year, misfortune struck again and he had to spend a year and a half in Nanaimo Indian Hospital undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. For the encouragement of all victims of this trying disease, the treatment was successful and Myrus James returned to school at Kamloops to complete his course and graduate from Grade 12 in 1958.

In 1960, the Indian Affairs Branch combined with the Indian and Northern Health Service in a pilot project to train fully qualified Health Inspectors — not aids or assistants, but fully qualified professionals. Mr. James was selected as the first trainee because of his excellent scholastic record and his personal qualities. The Indian Affairs Branch made the selection and paid all tuition fees, while the Indian Health Service provided employment supervision and a nominal salary. Special arrangements with the Central Vancouver Island Health Unit made it possible to cover formal field training required which could not be provided by the Indian Health Service.

Mr. James started training in August 1960 and successfully completed the difficult course in June 1961. He is now fully qualified to work as a professional Health Inspector anywhere in Canada. For the present he is working in the Nanaimo Zone for an additional year to gain further experience. Thus have the Native sons of Canada entered yet another of the professions. Myrus James has blazed a trail for others to follow.

An Indian to Kitche Manitou Delaware Thanksgiving Prayer

By BIG WHITE OWL
Eastern Associate Editor

O THOU Great and Good Spirit, Thou Supreme and Infinite One, in whom the Earth and all things in it, may be seen. A Great and Mighty "Kitche Manitou" art Thou, clothed with the day, yea, with the brightest day, a day of many summers and winters, yea, a day of everlasting continuance.

We give thanks to Thee on this day, October 9, 1961, for all "nature", for its wonderful and mysterious way of life development.

We give thanks for being able to hear, and to understand, the sweet music emanating from the trees, swaying and singing in the gentle breeze.

We give thanks for the beautiful flowers, the medicinal roots and herbs.

We give thanks for the winds, the fleecy clouds, the rain and snow.

We give thanks for being able to appreciate the beauty of the rippling streams, leisurely flowing along winding trails and shady nooks.

We give thanks for having learned how to stand in silent salute as "Wild Geese" pass overhead in wondrous formation and majestic flight.

We give thanks for awe inspiring, deep blue waters, the great lakes and seas, and all the life therein.

We give thanks to 'Our Creator' for abundantly supplying us with corn, beans, tobacco, pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, tomatoes, nuts and berries, for the beavers and fishes in our rivers, for the deer and elk in our forests.

We give thanks for our good health. We are, indeed, happy to see the leaves of the trees, red, gold, brown and purple — falling, gliding, drifting, sailing, down to Earth again.

We give thanks for having lived another year, for having enjoyed the seasons of winter, spring, summer, and autumn.

We give thanks to 'the great shining sun', to the pale moon, to the numberless stars, to Our Mother, the Earth, whom we claim as our mother because "the good earth" carries all the people of the world, and everything they need.

Indeed, when we look around, we cannot help but realize that "Kitche Manitou" (Great Spirit) provides all of the important necessities of life for us. For all of these, and countless other blessings, we thank Thee from our hearts . . . O, Thou Great and Good Spirit, Creator of All Things . . . Hear Us!

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Rene Bannon, Fort William, vocational scholarship, technical high school, \$775.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO
Clare Clifton Brant, Mohawks of Bay of Quinte, university scholarship, Queens University medicine, \$1,500.

Lauren Chrisjohn, Oneidas of the Thames, vocational scholarship technical high school, \$600.

Bruce White, St. Regis Iroquois, vocational scholarship, technical high school, \$1,500.

Janice King, St. Regis Iroquois, cultural scholarship in music, \$500.

Howard E. Staats, Six Nations, University scholarship, Osgoode Hall, law, \$1,150.

QUEBEC REGION

Edouard Cree, Oka, university scholarship, U. of Montreal, dentistry, \$1,750.

Elisabeth Achini, Montagnais (Seven Island), nursing scholarship, \$500.

Pauline Cote, River Desert (Maniwaki), teacher training scholarship, \$750.

Joseph Norman Connolly, Montagnais of Lac St. John, Pointe Bleue, forestry scholarship, Duchesnay, Que., \$750.

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Raynald Gedeon, Marie, cultural scholarship, Univ. of America, drama, \$1,750.

Claude Philippe, Montagnais of Lac St. John, Pointe Bleue, vocational scholarship, Three Rivers technical institute, \$1,200.

Abel Sinclair Kitchen, Waswanipi, vocational scholarship, technical institute, \$900.

MARITIME REGION

Joan Johnson, Eskasoni, university scholarship, Mount St. Bernard-Antigonish, home economics, \$1,050.

Carl Sacobie, St. Mary's, university scholarship, St. Thomas College, arts, \$950.

Elizabeth Matthews, Eskasoni, nursing scholarship, \$250.

Native Education Splits Parents from Children

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Canada's system of education for Indian children is driving a wedge between parent and child, Robert F. Davey, chief of the education division of the Indian Affairs Branch said on September 19.

Indian parents resent education over which they have no control and which destroys tribal ties and ways, he told a conference in Harrison Hot Springs.

The conference was attended by Immigration Minister Fairclough, 89 Indian agency superintendents, and nine regional supervisors.

Mr. Davey said reservation schooling is authoritarian. "It has no significant impact on the Indian people as a whole and its influence is largely superficial."

The attitude of parents will not change, he said, "as long as the Indian school remains aloof from community life, a trespasser on the reserve, intruding in family life, alienating children from parents, disturbing old folk ways and hampering the freedom to roam."

He said integration of Indian children into white schools is more advanced in B.C. than any other province. One Indian child in three in B.C. attends a white school. There are 120 in white high schools in the Lower Mainland alone.

Earlier, Mrs. Fairclough said Indians must be integrated into white communities and into white schools to give them more education.

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